

The American Ideals of Two of America's Great Suffragists

One hundred years ago was born the woman who wrote the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" to the music of which many an American man has in the last two years marched forth to die for freedom.

Nearly half a century ago, a little while after the Civil war, Julia Ward Howe said to men and women of Massachusetts:

"America is to the nations a house of God—a divinely appointed city of refuge. We have learned some lessons, we have opened some doors. What one should be and know and intend, in order to come up to the standard of an American, that is something which as yet puts most of us to the blush not for being so much, but so little, children of the new world. I cannot see this new world as it ought to be without many changes in what it is. Looking forward this great aim of building a Christian state, I see the position of woman as wrong and harmful—wrong to herself; wrong to society."

Mrs. Howe said this after one great war in which America was engaged, and when women had just begun their struggle for the federal suffrage amendment.

After another great war, fought by Americans, the greatest in history, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, said to the men and women of all America:

"They have fought 'over there' for the spirit of democracy. Shall we not give over to them a country in which democracy is realized by a people speaking one language, reading its own ballots and honoring one flag?"

"Is an America, which every citizen may love and under whose flag every citizen may feel secure, what we want? Is an America freed from the combined threat of alternative control by aggressive reaction and that of revolution worth while? Then all

the progressive forces of the nation must be united to bring it about and we must do our part. It needs sane heads, constructive plans and earnest work. Does the task seem overwhelming?"

"All things worth having are possible. I believe in my America, I believe in her ideals, her common sense, her responsiveness to duty. When she understands, she has never proved false to a single appeal to justice. She has never failed to rise to her full measure of greatness when the call has been made. She will not fail now."

"What could be more natural than that women who have attained their political independence should desire to give service in token of their gratitude. What could be more appropriate than that such women should do for the coming generation what those of a preceding period did for them? What could be more patriotic than that these women should use their new freedom to make their nation safer for their children and their children's children?"

"Arise women voters of east and west, of north and south, strong of faith, fearless of spirit, let the nation hear you pledge all that you have and all that you are to a new crusade—an America crusade, a national crusade; a crusade that shall not end until the electorate of the republic is intelligent, clean, American."

"Every patriotic American hearing your pledge will respond with another. The spirit of this new crusade will travel from state to state, from city to city, arousing every teacher, school board, high school, and college, every church, every moral and social power until all progressive agencies will be united in a nationwide campaign against the world's oldest enemy—ignorance. What should be done, can be done; what can be done, let us do. And may 'God's truth go marching on.'"

and this will be the center of the movement in this country. The various college clubs all over the country will put their houses at the service of the organization, and the headquarters will be located at the seat of the league of nations.

C. L. JENKS DOES FINE WORK ON EASTERN TOUR

Chancellor L. Jenks of Evanston, well known in north shore educational circles, recently elected president-general of the national association of the Sons of the American Revolution, addressed the George Washington chapter of the association at Springfield, Mass., at a reception given in his honor Monday night, June 23. President Jenks, who with Mrs. Jenks is touring the east, visiting various chapters of the order, has been entertained at Toledo, Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Springfield, and will visit other eastern cities in the near future. Mr. Jenks spoke before an appreciative audience of members on the country club veranda at Springfield, Monday, after being welcomed to the city by the members of the chapter.

In his address, Mr. Jenks said: "The American flag is in world-wide ascendancy. The eyes of all nations are turned to its far-flung folds. How may we best honor the flag which stands for the American ideal? By absorbing the fundamentals of that ideal; by forwarding the Americanization movement in every agency now seeking its advance. This is the patriot's opportunity over the country. A nation-wide ambition has arisen to become identified with purely patriotic organizations. The democracy of the society of the Sons of the American Revolution, its purposes, prestige and achievements, are drawing thousands whose affiliation with us will have inspiration to them and to us. Let them know that our society founded the Americanization movement years ago, and has been developing it continuously ever since; that membership in our society offers organized opportunities to engage in this definitely systematized movement to lift up America to the gaze and homage of the world. In thus honoring our country we will at the same time honor our beloved society, for America, if she be lifted up, will draw all men to her."

President Jenks has met with great enthusiasm all along the line and finds an earnest desire in people everywhere to enlist in the Americanization movement. He expects to

complete his tour around August 1, at which time he will return to Evanston.

CONTRACTS FOR 69-MILE CONCRETE ROAD IN ILL.

W. G. Edens, Chicago counsel for the Lincoln Highway association, announces that contracts for 9 miles of concrete Lincoln highway have been accepted by S. R. Bradt, state highway commissioner of Illinois, and that the work will be started within thirty days.

The contracts let dispose of more than half of the uncompleted portions of the Lincoln highway in Lincoln's state. The many contracts average \$27,000 a mile for the 18-foot con-

struction from Cook county to De Kalb county and 16-foot construction from DeKalb county to the Mississippi river at Fulton, Illinois.

The contracts already let for Illinois work comprise the biggest single construction program on the Lincoln highway ever undertaken in one year in any state. Bids for the balance of the Lincoln highway construction were considered too high and were rejected by Mr. Bradt. These sections will be re-advertised and if possible the contracts sold this year.

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GETTING JOBS FOR OUR BOYS

Twenty thousand of Illinois' own have returned. After the excitement of the home-coming has cooled there is the problem of re-employment to be faced. Those who went as boys have returned as men and the idea of returning to a boy's job does not appeal.

Out of the commercial current for one or perhaps two years, the soldier comes back with little or no definite idea of what awaits him. It is up to the community from which he comes to see that the right opportunity is open to him.

Allen D. Albert, known to the men of every training camp of the country for his work in connection with the Commission on Training Camp Activities during the war, is conducting an active campaign for the formation of community councils in every town in Illinois, with special attention given to the subject of jobs for the returned soldier and sailor. Mr. Albert, in this work, is acting as special representative of the new state-wide organization, The Community Councils of Illinois, with offices at 411 Fine Arts building, Chicago.

"The problem of the small town," said Mr. Albert, "has always been how to keep for its own the young blood of its population, and stop the drifting away to the city."

"A man should be a greater success in the community in which he has lived his childhood, in which he is well known, and loved, than in a great city, unknown and unknowning. But it is up to the people of his community to make this success of him."

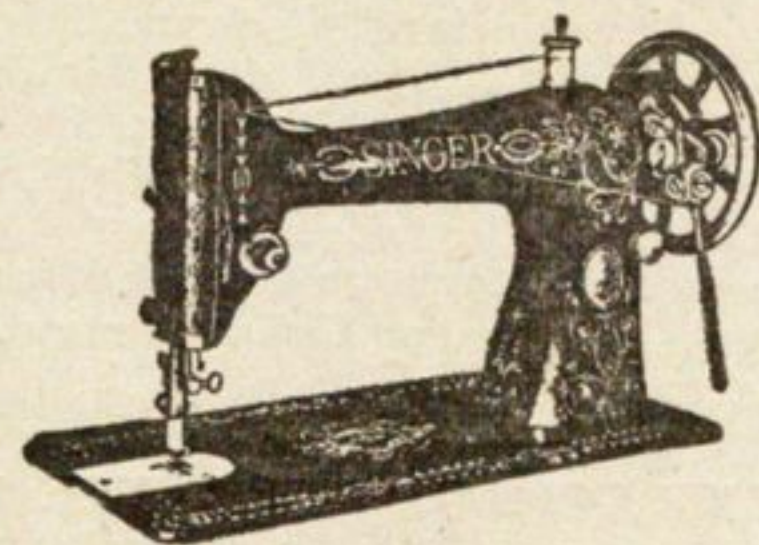
NORTHWESTERN IS FOR EXCHANGE OF WOMEN STUDENTS

In the new movement among the colleges to have exchange students between universities in this and foreign countries, it is believed that Northwestern will be one of the colleges in favor of the plan.

At the Northwestern alumni breakfast, recently held at Willard hall, Dean Mary Ross Potter, speaking for the women of Northwestern, said she believed that Northwestern should take part in this forward movement. Northwestern has already had three exchange students from universities in France.

The new plan is an international movement inaugurated under the auspices of the committee on international relations of the association of collegiate alumnae at a meeting held recently at the Women's University club in New York and women professors and students are to be exchanged.

Directly opposite the white house, in Washington, a national clubhouse will be established immediately by the association of collegiate alumnae,



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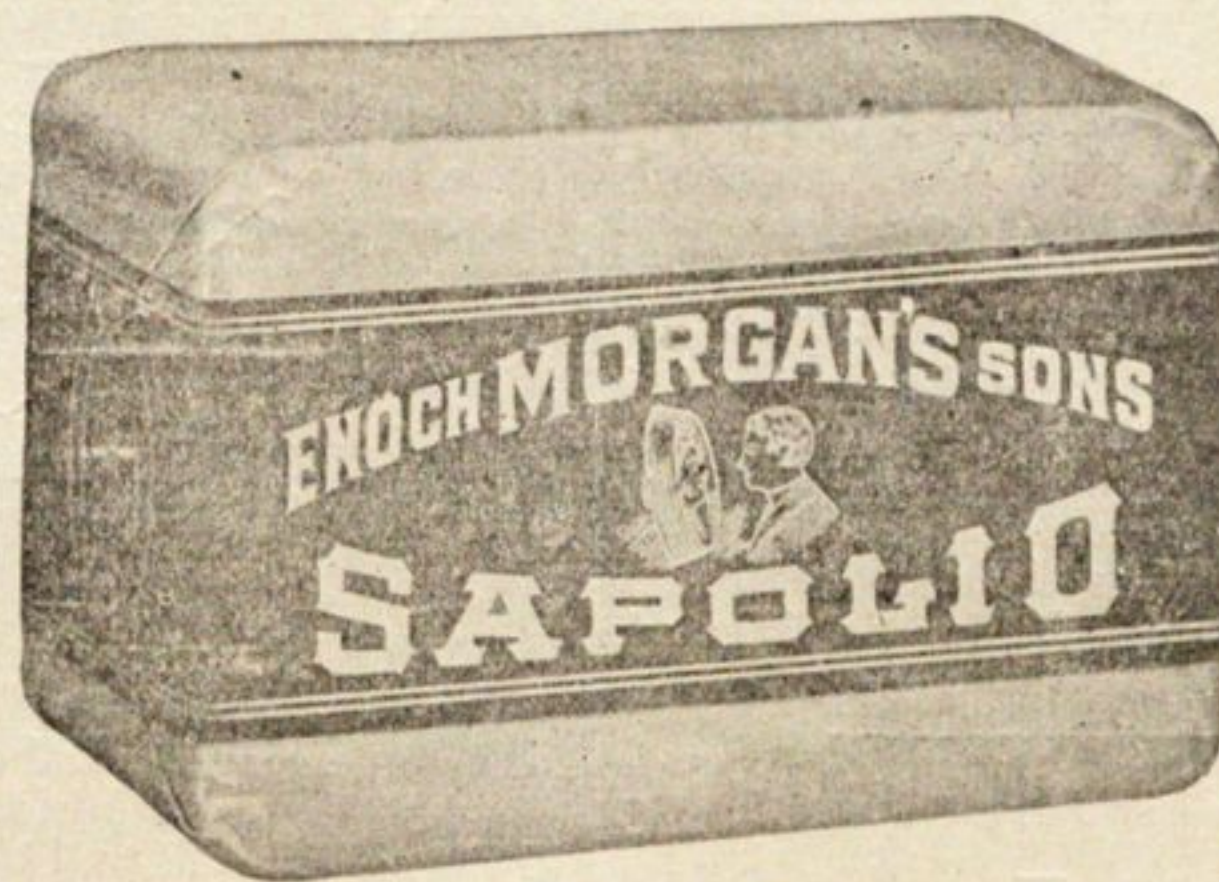
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